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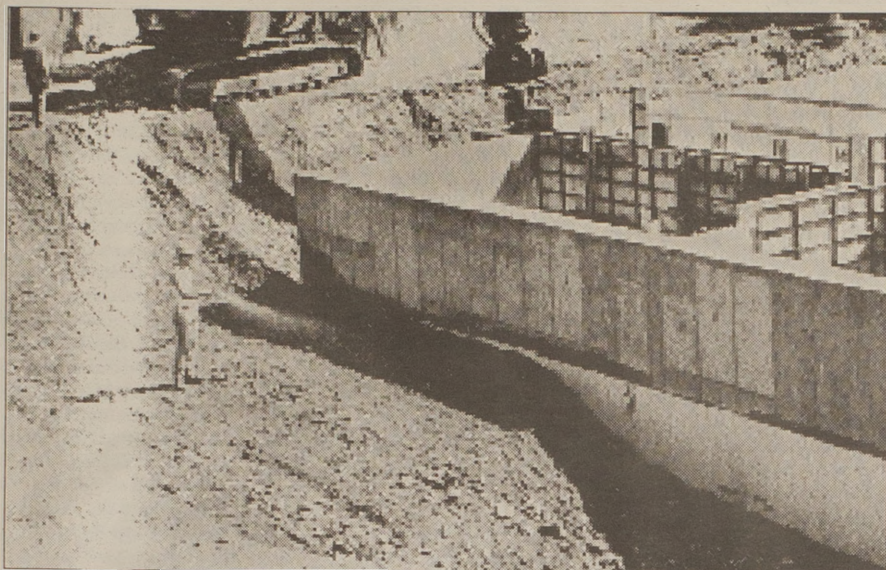
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Construction sites pepper the campus as the '98-'99 school year begins

Adrian Gump/Kaimin

Campus construction creates chaos

BARRIERS: Students navigate annoying maze of detours

Nate Schweber
Kaimin Reporter

Areas of UM's campus are indistinguishable from a war zone due to the vast amount of construction underway. In addition to being aesthetically displeasing, many of the detours made students late to class on the first day.

"This is awful. I'm trying to get to biology," sophomore Brock Aleksich said as he tried to maneuver around the fenced-off construction in front of the Urey Lecture Hall. "It's ridiculous. Ridiculous."

Fenced-off areas abound on campus so much that sophomore Lynnette Barnier said she can't remember what UM used to look like.

"I'm so used to the construction I don't even notice it anymore," Barnier said. "I just thought the orange cones were permanent."

The detours can be perilous, especially for new freshmen trying to weave their way around campus for the first time.

"I almost starved to death in the maze of chain link fencing by the Field House," freshman Andy Burrell said.

Others find the construction downright unpatriotic.

"This is a pisser. I have to walk all the way around to get to my class," sophomore Rich Rowe said. "I'm a lazy American."

In addition to being a physical obstacle to navigate, the ruckus of the construction is disturbing some students' ability to focus in class.

Sophomore Marcus Herring said paranoia about the construction kept him from concentrating during his class in the Urey Lecture Hall.

"The whole time all I could think of was a bulldozer crash-

ing through the ceiling and killing half the people," Herring said.

Freshman Kapria Sago said the construction creates a very bad atmosphere for learning.

"It was so hard to concentrate in my math class with all that noise outside," Sago said. "We had to close the windows and that made it real hot inside."

Freshman Corrine Hass added, "Nobody paid any attention to the instructor."

Nonetheless, other students aren't as upset by the changes on campus. Sophomore Nate Dague said he is excited for the new facilities and thinks they will benefit UM. Other students don't have any particularly strong feelings on the construction one way or the other.

"I guess they've got to do what they've got to do," freshman Charles Thompson said. "I'm late for class."

MCPS charging hefty fee

RENOVATIONS: \$70,000 fee to play at Sentinel gym

Paige Parker
Kaimin Reporter

Wayne Hogan didn't think it would go this way.

When the UM athletic director began meeting with Missoula County Public School officials last year, he knew scheduling 28 UM men's and women's home basketball games while the Harry Adams Field House was undergoing renovation wouldn't be easy. But he didn't think it would end up costing the university \$70,000 in rental fees.

That's what the final price tag will be for UM to rent the Sentinel High School gym for the 1998-1999 season, if the contract being offered by MCPS is accepted by the university.

And \$2,500 per game for 28 games is looking a little expensive to Hogan.

"I think it's unfortunate, and I think it's inequitable," Hogan said.

Normally, it costs about \$150 per hour to rent the Sentinel gym, Botchek said, which happens about three or four times a year. Botchek cited increased use of bleachers and other equipment as reasons why MCPS decided on the \$2,500 figure for the university.

Hogan said earlier this month, he and a group of high school officials, including Sentinel Athletic Director Tim Dennison and Sentinel High School Principal Bruce Zinne,

agreed upon the \$150-per-hour fee. Hogan said the plan was to hire an independent appraiser to inspect the gym before any UM games were played in it and then to inspect the gym after the basketball season ended. Hogan said it was agreed that any damages the inspector deemed UM's responsibility would be paid by the university in addition to the \$150 hourly rental fee. Bargain struck, Hogan said the group shook hands.



Wayne Hogan

Then came a letter from MCPS superintendent Mary Vagner.

"She said \$2,500 per game. Period," Hogan said. "And it became apparent to me that I'd been talking to the wrong person for a year."

UM doesn't have much room to bargain. Logistics such as parking and game and practice scheduling have been dealt with. Game tickets have been sold. The Harry Adams Field House is definitely out of commission. And the Lady Griz are scheduled to play an exhibition game in the Sentinel gym November 1.

"Part of this is my fault. I never should have let it get this far," Hogan said. "I was lulled into sleep thinking this was all for one and one for all. But it has turned cold and callous."

An MCPS official says the district needs the money to pay for wear and tear to the gym and for any problems that might arise in future years

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Loss of Durso stuns journalism school, campus

Melissa Turley
Kaimin Reporter

The death of interim UM journalism dean Joe Durso Jr. on July 24 stunned the university and Missoula communities.

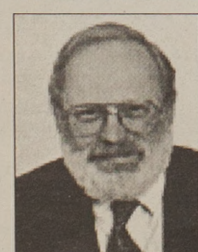
Durso, 52, suffered an apparent heart attack while on leave from work at his Victor-area home.

Long-time UM journalism professor Carol Van Valkenburg will assume the duties of interim dean for the School of Journalism during the 1998-99 academic year.

"Joe was the heart and soul of the J-school," said Bill Knowles, a professor of radio-television at UM. "He stood for everything that is good about

journalism."

Previously the chairman of UM's Department of Radio-Television, Durso was named interim journalism dean last year and had recently agreed to continue in that capacity



Joe Durso Jr.

through this school year. As acting dean, Durso secured two grants for the journalism school, totaling \$140,000. He was also successful in strengthening the school's ties to both print and

broadcast media in the region.

"He did his job with a lot of sensitivity and insight," said Van Valkenburg. "He had a vision for the school and he wanted to take us there."

Durso wanted to make UM's journalism school a leader nationally in training Native American journalists and reporting issues of interest to all Native Americans, Van Valkenburg said.

The Dean's assistant, Lynn Kisling, said because Durso communicated well with everyone and left detailed plans and memos, it was easy to carry on the projects he began. While his work will be continued, "How do you replace someone

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Inside Today!



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OPINION

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From front-to-back, a different Kaimin

EDITORIAL: Wider voice, greater variety are goals of this year's staff

At the end of the day, we just want to be liked.

It's a very human feeling to have, we guess, though not the type of thing journalists shout from the hilltops.

But while objectivity should remain the guide of the press, a newspaper should always try to be something positive for its readers. To somehow try to be pleasing in some way to everyone. Definitely a tall order on a campus as diverse as ours.

To some at this school, this campus is a full-time job, a genuine labor of love not to be taken lightly on even the most seemingly trivial issue. To others, it's a place to dine on the pink tablecloth of youth for a few years before these spoils are slowly and evenly tugged off into the real world.

To widen the range of voices sounding off in the Kaimin, we have added the "U-Wire" column which comes from a different college campus newspaper every week. It is a chance to see that while places and issues may be different, copy editing mistakes happen everywhere.

Within the UM community, we are also making room on our couch for two planned guest columns per week to be written by whosoever feels the need. Departments, faculty, administration, even the dorm kid who's sick of dorm food, will all have a home here. If interested, simply bring your column (no bigger than 700 words) by the Kaimin office in Journalism 107.

It's true the Kaimin remains the only source for news about a vast majority of the campus community, and doggedly pursues its responsibility to address events and issues that aren't covered elsewhere. This has always and will continue to be the main job of the Kaimin. But for the love of grapes it doesn't mean we can't have fun at the same time.

If you're not the type that gets aflutter with news of the latest budget problem or ASUM initiative (and believe us, we understand), you may want to flip right to our start-of-school special insert, "How Things Work Around Here." It's got all the stuff you never knew you needed to know about college, plus Willis the Lab Monkey! Read it and see for yourself.

This well-intentioned, if somewhat indulgent, project will hopefully remind readers that even though this academia gig is important stuff, it doesn't have to be quite so heady.

Whatever your motives for being here or day-to-day concerns, we hope to have something for you this year. We trust you'll let us know how we're doing.

Thomas Mullen

America must practice what it preaches

Alexis Wood
Daily Utah Chronicle (U of Utah)

(U-WIRE) SALT LAKE CITY, Utah -- "We must not allow sanctuary for terrorism—not for terrorists or for their money," President Clinton adamantly stated last week after ordering an attack on two alleged terrorist facilities in Sudan and Afghanistan. Drawing upon a collection of intelligence reports ranging from satellite images to the Psychic Friends Network, administration officials concluded that their targets were strategic headquarters for a band of radical Islamic assassins.

From these locations, Osama bin Laden, the sugar-daddy of anti-American sentiment, has financed, trained and dispatched a series of terrorists, apparently including those responsible for the recent embassy bombings in Kenya and Tanzania. These devastating explosions killed over 300 people, and the perpetrators of such abhorrent brutality certainly deserve severe punishment.

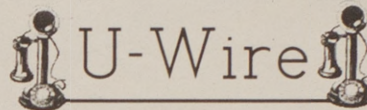
This is not the first time the United States led the charge against covert and destabilizing forces.

Although past attempts to prevent terrorism were openly directed against other sovereign nations, they were not considered terrorist acts.

That term is traditionally reserved for the torture, rape, kidnapping and

execution of civilians in order to impose a state of fear upon an entire population. These brutal techniques are used to gain and maintain political power without regard for human rights or international law. Recent history is laden with examples of such mutilation and murder.

It was spread throughout El Salvador by Roberto D' Aubeisun, whose death squads slaughtered thousands of students, teachers, community activists, unionists, clergy and indigenous people.



Argentine dictator Leopoldo Galtieri conducted vast campaigns of assassination and torture in what is euphemistically called the "dirty little war."

Most Americans are at least somewhat familiar with these facts; however, most are unaware that the perpetrators were trained on U.S. soil and at taxpayers' expense.

The U.S. Army's School of the Americas is a compound used since 1946 to train Latin American militaries. Originally in Panama, the facility was relocated to Georgia when the Panamanian government declared it a threat to democracy.

The compound is commonly referred to as the "school of

assassins" because it has produced the soldiers and dictators responsible for the bloodiest massacres in Central and South America. The curriculum includes motivation by fear, false imprisonment, interrogation, guerrilla combat techniques, and other methods of repression. The Pentagon confirmed this in 1996 when instruction manuals were leaked to the press.

Originally designed to combat communism, the compound's postwar agenda is to control drug trafficking. Besides the above-listed dictators, the school's alumni include the soldiers who murdered six Jesuit priests in El Salvador in 1986 and raped and murdered two Salvadorian nuns in 1980, and the assassins of Archbishop Oscar Romero.

All these regimes commit atrocities against their citizens while the United States continues to provide the arms and education.

Despite increased public protest, the institution continues to operate at an annual cost of between \$18 million and \$43 million (numbers vary depending upon the source).

If we want global support while we're dispatching cruise missiles across the globe, we must cease financing mercenaries in our own backyard. Let us hold our leaders to a standard of consistency between our national rhetoric and our actions.

Mr. Gnu



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Around the Oval

Question: What was the one item you made sure to bring from home to campus?



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Katey Tuchscherer,
freshman



"My basketball, because I like to play it."

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freshman



"My TV, that's about all I do in my free time."

Rico Barkell,
freshman

NEWS

Dodging construction proves to be an education

CONSTRUCTION: Pharmacy addition yields new digs

Emily Jones
Kaimin Reporter

UM did not trade Urey Lecture Hall for the Berkely Pit. It just looks that way.

The construction of a \$10.4 million addition to the Pharmacy-Psychology building, that has left a huge hole on the south side of the UM campus will be completed by January 2000, according to Kevin Krebsbach of UM's Facilities Services.

The three-phase project, which began in late June, will place the School of Pharmacy and Allied Health Sciences under one roof and provide additional classroom and research space for both the physical therapy and pharmacy departments.

The physical therapy department will welcome the move, said Sharon Peters, department chairman. Since 1973, the department has been housed in the basement of McGill Hall, below the basketball court.

"It gets noisy," Peters said. "It's very distracting. The worst part is when you have to teach a class."

"Part of their space is a converted bowling alley," said Dave

Forbes, dean of the School of Pharmacy and Allied Health Sciences.

The first phase of the project is a new underground lecture hall, to be completed in April 1999. The hall will have a 250-seat auditorium facing the Urey Underground Lecture Hall.

By September 1999, a research wing on the south side of the Pharmacy building will be completed. The addition will hold offices and research facilities for the pharmacy department.

The final phase will include an addition to the north and west sides of the building. The addition will house extra classrooms, labs and office spaces for both the pharmacy and physical therapy departments.

"Right now, our professors are strewn all over campus," she said. "That makes it harder to communicate."

The project was made possible by grants from the ALSAM Foundation, a pharmaceutical group, that donated \$5.7 million, and American Stores, the parent company of Osco Drug Stores, that donated \$2.5 million. The rest of the cost is covered by state funds and donations.

CONSTRUCTION: Field house work in progress

Emily Jones
Kaimin Reporter

The Harry Adams Field House renovations, which began last April, are in full swing.

Phase two of the \$15 million renovation project includes the construction of an auxiliary gym on the south side of the field house. It is expected to be completed by Oct. 16, said Chuck Maes, assistant athletic director for the business affairs department.

The gym will be available for volleyball and basketball practice, but won't be used for games this season. The teams will instead hold their home matches at Loyola-Sacred Heart and Sentinel High School.

Phase three, a plan to

remodel the inside of the Dahlberg Arena, began in mid-August and is expected to be completed at the end of November 1999.

The arena hasn't been remodeled since the early 1970s, Maes said.

"The renovation is really for the comfort of the fan. We needed more restrooms, more concessions and easier access."

The final phase of the project -- the renovation of athletic department offices -- will begin Feb. 15, 1999, and is scheduled to be completed Dec. 31, 1999. Most of the athletic department's offices are temporarily located in private suites at Washington-Grizzly Stadium.



Tuesday, September 1

Volleyball - Lady Griz vs. Idaho, 7 p.m., Loyola Ram Activity Center, corner of California Street and South First Street West.

Wednesday, September 2

Environmental Action Committee - General meeting, 6-7 p.m. in LA 107.

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Montana News

Montana investments lose \$130 million in market drop

HELENA (AP) — Montana's government investments lost \$130 million Monday as the stock market plummeted by almost 513 points, a state official said following the near-record decline.

Jim Penner, investment officer for the state Board of Investments, said the one-day loss represented about 10 percent of what Montana gained during the past decade.

However, he noted Monday's loss was merely on paper and is a relatively small portion of the state's \$4.5 billion portfolio.

Dave Lewis, budget director for Gov. Marc Racicot, said the loss has no effect on the state's budget because only retirement funds can be invested in the stock market. Those are such long-term investments that they can withstand the kinds of market swings seen in the last week, he said.

Penner said Montana has about \$2 billion invested in stocks. That compares with only about \$250,000 in 1988.

National News

Van Goghs to Washington

WASHINGTON (AP) — Shipping 70 paintings by Vincent van Gogh from Amsterdam for a blockbuster U.S. exhibit is a little like transporting a heart for transplant, or deploying a nuclear weapon — careful temperature control, total secrecy.

As crowds line up for tickets for a show of the great Dutch impressionist that begins in October, the National Gallery of Art is putting the finishing touches on the hundreds of millions of dollars of insurance and security needed to make it happen.

Are Van Gogh's masterworks coming by air or by sea? Dutch and American museums won't say. Nor will they say when the pictures will be moved, or what protection they'll have.

They will talk about climate. Sjaar van Heugten, acting head of the Van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam, said the wooden traveling cases must be left in his building at least 24 hours to "acclimatize" them to a temperature of 66 to 70 degrees Fahrenheit. Only then can he put the precious paintings inside.

Van Gogh has been called the greatest Dutch painter after Rembrandt, and a single Van Gogh painting has sold for \$82.5 million. So 70 of his pictures would be worth billions if they ever hit the market, which is unlikely. Museum authorities refuse to put a dollar value on the pictures, which will travel to Los Angeles next year after the Washington exhibit.

International News

Russia's crisis only worsens with rejection of minister candidate

MOSCOW (AP) — Despite doomsday warnings that Russia faces collapse, angry lawmakers on Monday emphatically rejected Boris Yeltsin's candidate for prime minister, blocking formation of a government to try to pull the country out of its economic and political tailspin.

The lopsided vote against confirming Viktor Chernomyrdin for a second try as prime minister deepened a dangerous deadlock between the president and parliament and left Russia in chaos on the eve of President Clinton's scheduled arrival on Tuesday for an ill-timed summit.

Russia has been without a government since Aug. 23, when Yeltsin fired Prime Minister Sergei Kiriyenko in the midst of an economic crisis that has crippled the ruble and stocks, threatened to bring down the country's banking and financial systems and sent an earthquake through world markets.

The New York Stock Exchange plunged amid news of the Russian crisis as well as North Korea's apparent firing of a missile over part of Japan. The Dow blue-chip industrial closed down 512.61 points — the second-worst point loss ever — to end the day at 7,539.

But there was no sign of panic in Moscow or other Russian cities Monday. The ruble rate continued to improve modestly in street trading, although official trading was suspended for a fourth day.

Before the vote, Chernomyrdin pleaded with lawmakers to approve forming a government to tackle the crisis.

"Russia is on the verge of political and economic collapse," he said. "We can only come out of the crisis by uniting our efforts."

Fewer parking spaces, higher fees

Chad Dundas
Kaimin Reporter

That giant smashing sound you hear may be the noise of students and faculty smashing their piggy banks as they try to keep up with the rising costs of parking on campus this semester.

UM has raised the price of regular full-year permits to \$105 and the price of reserved permits to \$315. Half-year permits have also risen to a cost of \$52.50. But day and hourly passes remain unchanged from last year at \$1.50 and 75 cents respectively.

"It just wouldn't make sense to raise the price (of those permits), since the price would go up just a few cents," said Shelly Harshbarger, Campus Security Office Supervisor.

This newest increase is the conclusive phase of a three year plan designed to cover construction costs on the second level of UM's parking garage. Stipulations of the plan called for an overall increase of \$21 to the cost of regular parking permits between 1995 and 1998. Construction of the garage was completed in 1996.

The latest and final increase follows the closure of several parking lots due to campus construction projects. Renovation efforts have closed the parking areas just north of the field house as well as the metered lot between Elrod Hall

and the Health Science Building.

Passenger vehicles are being directed to use a temporary road due to the closure of Van Buren between South 5th Street and South 6th Street. Large delivery vehicles are being re-routed and must enter campus from Arthur to Beckwith.

The lot closures are not expected to have an overwhelming effect on campus parking. The Emerald Trolley has been added to existing bus lines on campus in an attempt to compensate for students' growing transportation needs.

The Trolley runs between downtown and the University every 20 minutes.

Although the construction currently affecting parking on campus is considered to be a long-term project, UM administrators remain optimistic that the lots will eventually be ready for use again soon.

"We tried to keep (the closures) as minimal as possible," said Ken Willet, director of Campus Security.

"As soon as the construction is out of there, we'll have those areas reopened."

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Fees

"The university is used to dealing with a facility designed for a large audience-type situation. Sentinel High School is not prepared for that," said Gary Botchek, director of operations for MCPS.

Hogan said relations between his department and MCPS had been cordial and cooperative up until now. And Vagner doesn't see a problem, saying the relationship between MCPS and Hogan's office has been fine.

"It seems as if just about everything has come together," Vagner said.

Vagner said the \$70,000 in rental fees will go to a rental fund to support the increased supplies and custodial labor costs associated with allowing UM access to the gym.

UM will pay the rental fee out of the field house renovation budget, Hogan said.

Joe Durso leaves journalistic legacy

Melissa Turley
Kaimin Reporter

Joe Durso Jr. came to UM's School of Journalism in 1984 as chairman of the Department of Radio-Television. Durso served as acting dean for the journalism school in 1993 and 1997. He was also the adviser to the UM Rodeo Team.

Durso earned his bachelor of science degree in biology from Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y. and a master's degree in journalism from Columbia University. Durso began his career in broadcast at WETA-TV he then worked for CBS News in Washington, New York and Chicago. He was director of news and programming at CBS-owned WBBM radio in Chicago.

Durso recently finished a text book on broadcast news.

Durso is survived by his wife, Maureen, and daughter, Joanna. In his memory, the School of Journalism has established the Joe Durso Jr. Memorial Fund, which will be used to help fund student-reporting projects.

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Durso

like him?" asked Kisling, a sentiment expressed by many others with whom he worked.

Shane Bishop, a producer at NBC Dateline in New York, was Durso's student over 10 years ago, and said Durso was as important a role model as any.

"I didn't ask my Dad for as much advice as I did Joe," Bishop said, "I never made a career move without consulting him."

Bishop said he always thought he would end up teaching at UM someday, something Durso always encouraged him to do.

"Joe's death shattered a lot of fantasies for a lot of people," Bishop said.

Durso was also the adviser for the UM Rodeo Team, giving it a boost over the past few years to help it win regional championships for both the men's and women's teams. Teresa Wolff, a radio-television student and member of the rodeo team, said Durso was "one of the closest people I had there at the university."

Durso never missed a rodeo, Wolff said.

Although several members of the faculty asked Durso to apply for the position of dean, Van Valkenburg said he refused, preferring to return to teaching.

"He loved the conversational give-and-take, working hands-on with students," said Van Valkenburg.

The search for a permanent dean for the school will continue, as last year's search was unsuccessful. The position was offered to a candidate, who turned it down.

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Headbanger picks up coping skills at Gallagher; drive-by egging alarms sorority sisters

Michael Lancaster
Kaimin Reporter

August 30, 5:44 p.m.
Sleeping person

A man was reported asleep in the north wing of Miller Hall. An officer responded and found out he was a guest of a resident. He was then escorted to his host's room.

August 29, 1:15 a.m.
Vandalism

The Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority house called 911 to complain about a car that was seen repeatedly driving by, with the occupants yelling and throwing eggs. A UM Police officer investigated, but found no car or its occupants. However, eggshells were found on the ground in the area.

August 27, 6:35 p.m.
Noise disturbance

A caller reported a man was creating a disturbance. The responding officer said the man appeared to be very drunk. UM Police Sgt. Gatewood said he was transported to St. Patrick Hospital because he overindulged in alcohol.

August 25, 10:37 p.m.
Noise disturbance

A caller reported that a

man was banging his head against the wall and screaming loudly in the Gallagher Business Building's basement. UM Police Sgt. Gatewood said the man had "a problem with coping," but when officers arrived, he proved to be in control of himself. He was then referred to Health Services.

August 24, 11:05 p.m.
Suspicious

A caller reported finding money that was "left out" of the Griz Card Center. The responding officer found a deposit envelope with \$1,850 in cash and checks inside. The money reportedly belonged to the Griz Card Center and was indeed "left out."

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Pipe floods print shop; \$28,000 in paper lost

Emily Jones
Kaimin Reporter

Printing services, located in the newly completed James Todd Center, lost nearly \$28,000 of paper when a severe rainstorm flooded an uncapped drainpipe on July 3. Builders had left the pipe uncovered and water seeped under the door of the print shop, soaking the paper. A custodian discovered the flood and called Susan

Matule, director of printing services. When Matule arrived the evening of July 3, much of the damage had already been done.

"When I arrived, much to my horror, I had four inches of standing water in the shop where the paper was sitting," Matule said. "The humidity in the room was around 75 degrees, and it should be at around 45 degrees for the paper."

The contractor and universi-

ty officials overlooked the uncapped drain during earlier inspections.

"No one would have ever noticed that it was uncapped if we hadn't had that downpour. A normal rainstorm wouldn't have done that much," Hugh Jesse, director of facilities services said.

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UM housing supply meets Fall '98 demand

DORMS: Overflow housing unnecessary for first time in five years

Chad Dundas
Kaimin Reporter

For the first time in nearly half a decade, new students at UM will not have to be housed in temporary, overflow housing facilities.

"Right now we're operating just at capacity," said Ron Brunell, UM's Director of Residence Life.

The sudden harmony between the number of incoming freshmen and UM's usually insufficient housing facilities is a welcome change.

According to Brunell, as of Kaimin press deadline there were nine existing spots still available in on-campus residence housing. Brunell also said there were 15 units, all of which are two-bedroom apartments open in the University Village, located south of campus.

Brunell credits a "softer" rental environment in Missoula, as well as a decrease in the number of out-of-state applicants to UM, for the sudden availability of housing space.

In previous years, the placement of new students in overflow housing had become a common practice at UM. This year's bountiful supply of housing is a stark contrast to the fall of '97, when



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Michael Pollard moves into Jesse Hall Monday afternoon.

about 75 students had to be

warehoused in study rooms and dormitory basements.

"Right now, we're not in those situations that we've been in the past four or five years," said Brunell. "We don't have anybody in overflow housing."

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UM students avoid airline strike trouble

Michael Lancaster
Kaimin Reporter

The Northwest Airlines strike is wreaking havoc on travelers' plans worldwide. But so far, UM students have seemingly escaped the hassle.

Ron Brunell, UM's Residence Life Director, said there weren't any more dorm dwellers absent than usual for the beginning of the semester. But for those students yet to arrive, Brunell couldn't explain the reasons for their delays.

There are 25 students, or 1 percent of all dorm residents, yet to check in, said Brunell.

"It could be that people aren't arriving because they made other arrangements," Brunell said. As for other, non-dorm students, he said it's impossible to tell who is left behind because of the strike.

Northwest Airlines, the

nation's fourth-largest airline, canceled all flights until at least Sept. 4, after more than 6,000 members of the Airline Pilots Association walked off their jobs shortly after midnight Saturday in a dispute over a new labor contract.

Meanwhile, customers are scrambling to make alternate arrangements.

Bernadette Heckle, a 21-year-old UM senior studying forestry, said plans to attend her brother's wedding this weekend in Illinois hinge on the strike's outcome. The airline instructed her to call two days before her scheduled departure to check on the strike's status.

If the strike continues, the airline announced it will attempt to make last-minute arrangements with another carrier. However, Heckle said the Northwest told her they can't guarantee anything.

Phone strike snarls students' service

Michael Lancaster
Kaimin Reporter

US West and the Communications Workers of America are reportedly a step closer to resolving their labor disputes. But customers, including many UM students, continue to bear the brunt of the unfinished business.

Some customers have waited nearly two weeks for the hookup of their telephone service — a process that usually takes just hours. Others have had little or no trouble with their service.

Dorm residents have experienced little trouble so far, according to Residence Life Director Ron Brunell.

"We haven't been affected at this point," he said. "US West calling-card holders may be affected, but automated service is probably not a problem."

Getting new service hooked up off campus, however, has-

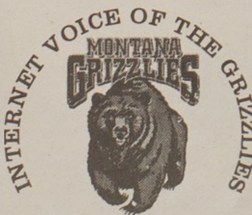
n't been as easy for some.

Cameron McKnight, a 21-year-old freshman studying drama, said he called for service Aug. 20. US West told him his service would be ready by Aug. 27. The telephone company called him Aug. 29 and apologized for misinforming him. They said his service would be available Aug. 31.

Although he's been inconvenienced, McKnight said he understands the worker's strike.

More than 34,000 union members, including technicians, operators and customer sales representatives in 13 states, went on strike Aug. 16. Workers in Montana remain on the job because they belong to the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, which is negotiating a separate contract. The IBEW has indicated it could strike if no agreement is reached by Sept 1.

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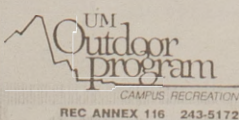
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UM football player pleads innocent

A UM football player has pleaded innocent in Missoula District Court to a charge of raping his former girlfriend.

Maxime Pierre, a 6-foot-4, 240-pound Grizzly defensive end, was suspended from the team after the charges were filed in mid-April, according to an Associated Press report.

The rape allegation arose from an incident Feb. 17 at the victim's residence, according to district court records.

The victim told police that Pierre showed up at her

home uninvited, and after talking with her for a short time, forced himself on her. She and Pierre had a 10-month relationship that ended in December 1997, according to the victim.

In an interview with police, Pierre admitted that he had sexual intercourse with the victim, even though he heard her say "no."

Pierre is a transfer to UM from Kemper Military Academy in Booneville, Mo., and is originally from Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

John A. Reed

Math Department receives \$500,000 gift

A former UM math professor and his brother presented the university's math department over the summer with its largest single gift ever.

The \$500,000 endowment was donated by Charles Bryan of Missoula and John and Martha Bryan of Lake Oswego, Ore. Charles and John are brothers, and the endowment will memorialize their parents, George and Dorothy Bryan.

Math Chair Gloria Hewitt called the gift "generosity beyond my wildest dreams."

John Bryan is a retired executive of Georgia Gulf Corp., a chemical company he co-founded. Charles Bryan, who taught math at UM for 23 years, and his wife, Cynthia, now own Missoula's Gillespie Realty. The brothers are graduates of Montana State University and they have given a similar gift to the engineering department at MSU.

Hewitt said the UM gift will endow the Undergraduate Math Scholars Program, a unique program started in 1995 to give students active involvement in their own learning. Each student chosen for the program is paired with a particular lower-division math course and the faculty member teaching the course. She said the program ultimately helps both math students and Montana because many graduates find themselves working for Montana's school districts.

The Bryan gift will also enhance many other math department projects, including scholarships, travel expenses for professional conferences and activities such as student math clubs, summer research projects not funded from other sources and certain graduate student enhancements.

Tom Greene

Animal lab drug investigation delayed

The audit of UM's Laboratory Animal Resources and the investigation of the lab's former director for the theft of drugs continues, but no charges have been filed, according to the lead criminal investigator.

Bryan Costigan, an agent with the state Criminal Investigation Bureau, said Philip J. Bowman is still the prime suspect in the theft of drugs from the animal-research facility.

But, Costigan added, no one has been charged yet in the nine-month-long investigation into allegations of theft and mismanagement at the lab.

Attributing the delay to problems in completing the audit, Costigan said he couldn't give a time frame for any prosecution in the case. The problems with the audit have to do with difficulties in precisely determining the amounts of drugs used in the animal surgeries that Bowman supervised, Costigan

added.

Bowman is alleged to have stolen drugs from the lab that were used in animal research, including Buprinex, a prescription painkiller.

When the allegations of theft and misconduct in the lab surfaced, Bowman resigned from the lab director's position and refused to discuss the matter. Bowman's girlfriend, Kathryn Scarboro, who is also a suspect in the investigation, resigned during the same time period from her job at the International Heart Institute of Montana. Scarboro had previously worked for Bowman in the animal-research lab.

In 1990, Bowman was convicted in Missoula of fraudulently obtaining prescription painkillers, a felony. Bowman had been employed at UM since 1987.

John A. Reed

DeSilva sentenced to 10 years probation

The former manager of UM's Cascade Country Store and a long-time Missoula youth soccer coach received 10 years probation on a charge that resulted from an alleged sexual assault last July.

Ravi DeSilva appeared before District Court Judge John Henson June 2 for sentencing on an amended complaint of criminal endangerment, a felony. DeSilva had originally been charged last August with felony sexual abuse of children, misdemeanor sexual assault and three misdemeanor counts of endangering the welfare of children.

DeSilva was charged after three teen-age boys, attending DeSilva's soccer camp at UM, claimed that DeSilva fondled himself in front of them and provided them with alcoholic beverages. The victims also accused DeSilva of fondling one boy and having

another fondle himself in DeSilva's presence.

DeSilva, a native of Sri Lanka, pleaded guilty to the single felony count as part of a plea bargain struck with Deputy Missoula County Attorney Josh Van de Wetering. Van de Wetering said he opted for the plea agreement so that DeSilva could avoid a sex-related charge, but still be under supervision with the probationary sentence.

In addition, Henson ordered that DeSilva have no contact with children under the age of 18, except his own, and that he perform 500 hours of community service.

DeSilva resigned his UM position shortly after the incident. He also quit as Sentinel High School's boys' soccer coach shortly after the allegations.

John A. Reed

New diplomat program receives \$48,000 grant

Montana may be thousands of miles from China, but a new diplomat-training program at UM is helping to bridge the gap between east and west.

UM, in collaboration with the Foreign Affairs College in Beijing, China, was the recipient of a \$48,000, one-year grant from the United States Institute of Peace in Washington, D.C.

Thirteen people from UM, Harvard University's Conflict Management Group, Michigan State and China attended a July workshop held on the UM campus.

"The project came to UM because of our interest in developing conflict management skills and diplomacy," said Dennis O'Donnell, UM economics professor and the project director.

The grant money will be used by UM and the Foreign Affairs College to create a curriculum to teach new and current diplomats working in Chinese-American rela-

tions.

O'Donnell said the program's curriculum will teach American and Chinese diplomats how to handle cross-cultural issues. He said diplomats have typically dealt with wars and border disputes, but as the world becomes more complex, diplomats are dealing with economic and cultural concerns as well.

"This is a new development in the training of diplomats," he said. "They do not usually receive training in dispute resolution and conflict management."

O'Donnell administers the program with the help of Beijing's Zhiyong Xiong. The curriculum currently being developed will be implemented in May 1999.

"We expect further funding to do the training here at UM," O'Donnell said. "This is a continuing process, and we hope to do the pilot testing."

Beth Britton

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University Briefs

University Village resident charged with felony assault

A disturbance early Saturday morning at University Villages led to the arrest of a female for assault with a knife.

Holly Jean Torgeson, 34, was arrested by UM Police after her roommate, Mark Alden Onstad, reported that she threatened to kill him with a knife during an argument, according to an affidavit filed in court by the Missoula County Attorney's office. Before brandishing the knife, she struck him repeatedly and pulled his hair, leaving him with cuts and scrapes.

Onstad, an unregistered UM senior in computer science, told police he and

Torgeson had argued because she was in love with another man.

During the quarrel, Torgeson went to the kitchen, grabbed a large knife and threatened to kill Onstad. He wrestled it away from her and later called police.

Torgeson was charged in Missoula County Justice Court with felony assault and partner/family member assault, a misdemeanor. She was held in the Missoula County Jail, with a \$5,000 bond. Her preliminary hearing is set for Sept. 17.

--Michael Lancaster

UM gymnasium vandals ordered to pay \$57,000

Two men who pleaded guilty to last November's vandalism of UM's Schreiber Gymnasium were ordered to pay \$57,000 in restitution for their crime.

Benjamin Andrew Fitch, who was a UM student at the time of the vandalism, and Gabriel Laurence Adoff of Portland, Ore., both pleaded guilty to the charges stemming from the 1997 Thanksgiving weekend incident.

In May, Fitch received a 10-year suspended sentence for accountability for criminal mischief, a felony, while Adoff had a three-year deferred sentence imposed in June, for one count of felony criminal mischief, according to the Missoula

County Attorney's office. Each of the defendants was ordered to pay half of the restitution price tag.

But that will not cover the cost of replacing the gym's 80-year-old wooden floor, according to campus recreation officials. The floor sustained serious water damage after the vandals turned on a 2-inch fire hose, inundating most of the floor and damaging first-floor offices below.

For now, a decision has not been made as to the future use of the gym. One possible option may be to make the old men's gym a new campus weight room, according to campus recreation.

--John A. Reed

Parking garage plans put on hold for now

Plans for a \$12.5 million, two-story parking garage that would have provided 870 additional parking spots west of Adams Field House have been put on hold for now.

UM President George Dennison said the construction of a parking structure would place too great a financial burden on students, staff and faculty. Parking rates would have increased from \$98 last year to about \$260 this year to pay for the revenue bonds needed for the project. Dennison said

the parking fee increase would have been too high.

A \$48 million campus improvement plan, covering projects at UM and UM-affiliated campuses in Helena, Dillon and Butte, was presented to the state Board of Regents in March, and the parking garage was part of that plan.

Dennison said UM's parking problem is not going to disappear, and plans for a parking garage will probably be considered in the future.

--Beth Britton

State Briefs

MontPIRG fights mining in Montana NPS creates buffalo-management plan

The Montana Public Interest Research Group kept busy this summer getting an initiative on the November ballot to keep cyanide-leach mining out of Montana.

"Is the Blackfoot (River) more precious than gold?" asked MontPIRG's John Hirsch. "This will give people a chance to prove it with their vote."

If passed by voters, Initiative 137 would prevent the introduction of any new cyanide-leach mines in Montana. The only cyanide-leach mine currently operating in Montana--the Golden Sunlight Mine near Whitehall--would not be affected.

The cyanide-leach method of mining is used to extract gold particles out of ore. The ore is extracted,

crushed and sprayed with cyanide to separate the gold from the rest of the rock. After the gold's extraction, the mine tailings and cyanide wash are usually left in open holding pits. The cyanide often leaks into the groundwater, Hirsch said.

Opponents of the initiative say it will keep money and jobs out of Montana. They contend that the risk of cyanide contamination can be prevented with more careful extraction and storage techniques.

Cyanide-leach mines have been proposed for locations throughout Montana, including the Sweet Grass Hills, the Elkhorn Mountains, the Blackfoot River and Rock Creek.

--Nathan Greene

Prompted by ranchers who say buffalo carry a disease that can infect their cattle, and environmentalists who say buffalo should be allowed to roam freely, the National Park Service has drafted seven different plans for managing the herds that wander outside Yellowstone Park.

The plans call for methods such as testing and vaccination of buffalo in the park, corralling wandering buffalo and public hunting.

This summer, the Park Service, along with the State of Montana and the Forest Service, has been sponsoring public hearings about the plans in cities across the West, including Idaho Falls, Billings, Helena, Denver, and

San Francisco -- but not Missoula.

Jim Coefield of The Ecology Center, a Missoula-based environmental group, said Missoula was passed over for the public hearings because of too much opposition in town against the proposed plans to control the buffalo.

The Ecology Center has written its own plan for the Yellowstone buffalo, one that Coefield said is based on science instead of politics, and will essentially let the buffalo roam free.

The Ecology Center is holding its own public hearing Sept. 15 at the Missoula Public Library from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m.

--Nathan Greene

Sports

Football players not returning Camel leaves UM basketball team

Despite the fact their team is the pick of the litter in the Big Sky conference, a number of Grizzly football players elected not to return to this year's team.

Garth and Garrett Gelker both left to seek job opportunities.

Receiver Mark Dennehy elected not to play this year.

Running back David Gilbreath left two-a-day camp, telling coaches he "wasn't having any fun anymore."

Receiver Nick Jahr left to join the Air Force.

Safety Howard Wakkinen is going on a Mormon mission this year.

Linebacker Jerrad Klumph is attending Portland State this fall.

Defensive end Max Pierre remains on suspension from the team, but his scholarship will be honored for the fall semester.

Pierre was charged with the rape of a UM student last year and is awaiting a preliminary trial.

UM sells out of Griz season tickets

Think Missoula is excited over the upcoming football season? For the first time in school history, all 10,000 season tickets were sold out for the season as of Friday. Nearly 4,000 seats are still available for students, on a game-to-game basis. The UM ticket office is located in the University Theater this year while renovations continue in Adams Field House.

J.R. Camel's up-and-down Montana basketball career came to a surprising end earlier this summer, as the first team all-league point guard was listed in a press release as one of the "lettermen lost" for the upcoming 98-99 season, effectively ending his career at Montana.

Camel did not reportedly meet "substantial academic progress" requirements and will not be returning to school, according to the athletic department.

Camel was registered for 20 credits last spring, but confidentiality laws prevent his grades from being made public. Camel was not registered for any summer classes.

Camel's career was filled with hills and valleys of brilliance and disappointment, making him often a fan favorite when the

Grizzlies won, and often the goat during their losses.

Camel's troubles at UM ranged from dealing with the death of his father, being convicted of a DUI in 1997, and redshirting a year because of academic troubles. He and former Lady Griz player Malia Kipp's daughter was born premature last year, and Camel told the Missoulian worrying about his family took its toll on his athletic life.

Camel was the Big Sky Conference freshman of the year in the 94-95 season, a first team all-league pick in 97-98. His 14 points and 14 assists in the conference championship in 96-97 helped earn the Griz a birth in the NCAA tournament.

Kevin Van Vaulkenburg

'Jaws' draws new students

Nite Kourt: Students say screening in the Grizzly Pool is love at first bite

Nate Schweber
Kaimin Reporter

It was like swimming off the perilous beaches of shark-infested Amity Island right here on the UM campus.

Sunday evening, UM's Nite Kourt held its annual showing of the 1975 blockbuster hit "Jaws" at the Grizzly Pool, and incoming students with a taste for soggy popcorn showed up.

"I've heard of drive-in movies, but I've never heard of swim-in movies," Kristian Flamholt, a third-year law student transfer from Denmark, said.

As soon as the first, low rumble of the unmistakable "Jaws" theme music echoed through the cavernous, dark Grizzly Pool room, young dudes wielding foam floatation devices charged into the water with frothing splashes.

One yelled out, "This is the awesomest thing in the world. This alone is worth my \$14,000 out-of-state tuition!"

For most, the irony of watching a movie about a man-eating shark while immersed in water was the reason for coming.

"It just makes the movie a lot more intense," freshman Anna Beth said. She added that the in-water "Jaws" screening was a pretty cool first impression of UM, because it shows campus life is willing to do some wacky things for the sake of the students.

Freshman Liam Hughes couldn't help but wonder if the fun and games of the event wasn't bordering on the psycho side.

"There's something kind of

morbid and macabre about us watching "Jaws" in a darkened pool," Hughes said. "I mean, what a way to start our college career."

Students who really wanted to experience the terror of "Jaws" didn't stand securely in the three-foot zone; they treaded water (flash to the first scene of the movie) in the deep end.

One such adventuresome soul was Chris Rasmussen, a graduate-student transfer from Denmark. Some of her

"But I like the book "Jaws" and the movie too," Rasmussen said. "I just watched it last week along with a documentary on real shark attacks."

Fortunately, the only flesh-hungry beasts that swam in the Grizzly Pool were social sharks. When the hoots of anticipation grew louder as the on-screen shark gaped its maw for a hapless bather, a few submerged prankster guys would yank a bikini'd girl underwater.

Lifeguard Eric Rosenbaum said in the three years he's been overlooking the "Jaws" screening, he's seen many a romance flair up from such sophomoric, inauspicious beginnings.

Freshman Tom Baker said while severed, bloody limbs are the antithesis of romance, shark-feeding frenzies do set a great atmosphere for meeting women.

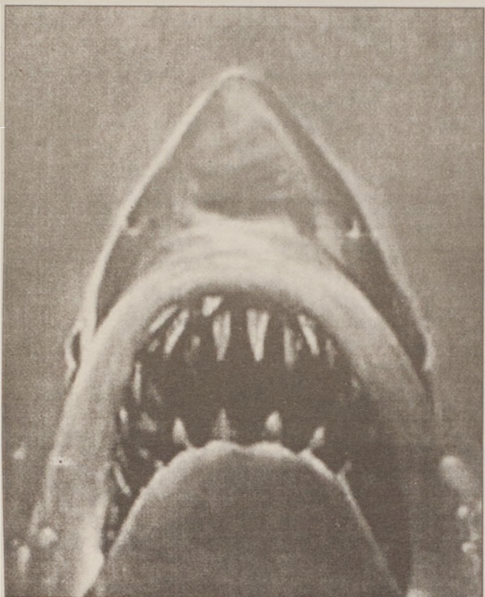
"It's good to freak 'em out because then they grab onto your arm or something," he said.

However, freshman Tricia Patten said the young turks can act as hotshot as

they want, because their swimsuits are the "great equalizer."

"You have to be real honest with everybody if you're wearing a swimsuit," Patten said, explaining what was tempering the guys' machismo more than the cold water. "It doesn't leave much to the imagination."

By the end of the movie, only the diehards remained. Of the 25 shark-heads who checked in, only about five saw the film's conclusion. There were no remains of the rest.



moxie comes from the fact that she's had some close calls with sharks herself.

An avid diver, Rasmussen said she's swum with many blacktip reef sharks. She also worked for a while as a diver on a boat off the Great Barrier Reef in Australia. At the end of her tenure there, the captain of the boat informed her that she was hired only because a shark had eaten the woman who held her position previously. A swimsuit and an oxygen tank were all that was left of the former employee.

When the rascals are your best students

WASHINGTON (AP) — Classroom hellions are using computers to download porn, change grades, swap passwords and send threatening e-mail when the teacher isn't looking. Often, the brightest students are doing the mischief, and school officials are struggling with how to discipline them.

"You'd be amazed at what they can do," says Jeannine Clark, assistant principal of Clarkstown High School North in New City, N.Y. "Clearly, a new set of guidelines is needed" — guidelines Clark calls "nerd discipline."

Seventy-eight percent of the nation's public schools today are connected to the Internet, according to the National Center for Education Statistics. Educators nationwide have responded to cyberspace antics with a patchwork of Internet-use policies, outlining the dos and don'ts of being on-line at school.

Some are strictly written with harsh punishments for offenders. Others have weak consequences or use vague terms, such as "objectionable" or "offensive," to describe the kinds of Web sites that students are forbidden to visit.

Often harder than writing the policies, however, is pun-

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Nate Schweber
Kaimin Reporter

ASUM President Barrett Kaiser and Vice President Patience Llewellyn are two overachievers with an abundance of energy and many plans for UM.

"Patience and I are very well tapped into the student body," Kaiser says. "We have the skill, ability and desire to help students."

The new ASUM president could have graduated this semester, or even crammed in credits to get his diploma last summer. But instead of opting to leave UM in his rear view mirror, Kaiser felt a desire to stick around and make some vital changes on his campus.

"I ran for office because I can help students," Kaiser says. "My mission is to create a better environment at UM."

Kaiser is always in action, even in his office. When he is not at his desk wrenching his fingertips into a yellow, foam ball with a smiley face printed on it, he's pacing and chucking the orb against his wall and fielding the ricochet. When his mind is moving too fast to remember something's name, he calls it "sucker" and goes on talking. On his office walls he has framed pictures of Denver Broncos' quarterback John Elway, President John F. Kennedy, a Monte Dolack watercolor of arctic grayling and a calendar displaying a cutthroat trout. Below his desk is an overflowing box of Orange Crush cans for recycling. He snatches up his phone on the first ring and is already stretched out with his feet on his desk before the snappy words, "Hello, this is Barrett!" reach the other receiver. When someone he knows walks by the ASUM office, Kaiser is quick to ges-

tulate wildly in their direction.

Kaiser's in-office pace is indicative of his career at UM. In the past he served as the board chairman of the Montana Public Interest Research Group (MontPIRG), was involved in the College Democrats and lobbied in both Helena and Washington D.C. for higher education and environmental issues.

Since he took office April 29, Kaiser's pace hasn't slowed for a second. He held two ASUM meetings before school ended, spent all of June in Denver rebuilding a family log cabin that burned down, held meetings with the heads on campus and, for 10 days in August, he went to Israel. While visiting the Golan Heights in Israel he rode through enemy territory in

armored busses to meet with Palestinian leaders to learn about the Middle East peace process. He plans to incorporate the skills he learned there into his tenure as student body president.

Llewellyn, like Kaiser, teems with energy. She's very alert, attentive and quick to answer questions. She's extremely organized and keeps her crucial ASUM information in a black binder by her side. Llewellyn, a former ASUM senator, SPURS president, UM Advocate, and College Democrat, was in town for most of the summer working at the ASUM office. During that time, she helped hire a new director for ASUM legal services and planned for the upcoming year with her teammate Kaiser.

Kaiser says he asked Llewellyn to be his running mate after they had worked together on projects over the years.

"Between the two of us, we know how to do just about everything," Llewellyn says.

Llewellyn credits the duo's efficiency to the fact that they're friends outside the office too.

Kaiser says it is too soon to tell what sets this year's ASUM senate apart from years past. He says each season has a different characteristic and since he hasn't held the fall's first meeting yet, he doesn't know the strengths of his team this year.

Llewellyn says that she and Kaiser have earned their credibility by following through on their promises and getting done what they say they are going to. Already they've gotten new recycling bins in the UC and six new bike racks outside of it.

Kaiser added that the productivity and dedication of this year's ASUM is only going to rise.



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ASUM vice president Patience Llewellyn (left) and president Barrett Kaiser are a perfect political match for the office.

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ENVIRONMENT: Sheep, moths and weevils part of plan to kill Mt. Sentinel knapweed.

Nathan Greene
Kaimin Reporter

A swarm of moths, a pack of sheep, and a llama joined forces this summer to help stop the infestation of leafy spurge, dalmatian toadflax and knapweed on Mount Sentinel. These weeds choke out the native wildflowers and plants that provide food for resident deer, elk and other animals.

As part of UM's Mount Sentinel Vegetative Management Plan, organizers introduced the critters to test alternative method of weed control. An eight acre patch of the mountain was also

sprayed with the herbicide Tordon in late June.

For a couple of weeks in June, 10 sheep and a "guard" llama named Zach were fenced into small plot at the base of Mount Sentinel just below the "M" trail.

The sheep ate the weeds and left the native plants in place. The llama warned off the dogs that wandered off the "M" trail in search of mutton.

The animals were on loan from a local farmer as part of a grant from the Environmental Action Community.

Chris Lehfelt, a student who volunteered for the project, said sheep enjoy chomping on the weeds because they are rich in protein. The sheep eat the tops of the weeds so they can't grow seed pods and spread to other areas, he said.

Unlike some animals that eat weeds and walk to other areas leaving the seeds in their scat, sheep have a very thorough digestive system that grinds up the seeds so they don't spread, Lehfelt said.

He said similar sheep projects have worked in other areas to control weeds, and he thinks it will work here.

Lehfelt's a bit of an expert on the subject—he grew up on a large sheep ranch in eastern Montana. He said he would like to see thousands of sheep grazing on the mountain. But a shepherd would have to be hired and the sheep would have to be watered daily, he said.

A report on the program has not been released yet.

Organizers also introduced 200 sulphur knapweed

moths and 100 knapweed root weevils. 20 small cages filled with moths were placed on top of knapweed plants on the southwest side of the mountain.

The females laid their eggs in the plants, where the larvae will live and feed on the roots until they emerge as moths next summer.

The moths can be disastrous to knapweed, but they don't harm other plants, said entomologist Diane Six who is in charge of the project.

Six said the larvae chew up the roots and leave them vulnerable to disease and fungus.

A similar project on

Mormon Ridge west of Lolo has been very effective, she said, and she would love to see Mount Sentinel swarming with moths in the next few years. They also let loose 100 knapweed root weevils to bore into the roots of the knapweed.

Next summer, Six and her assistant, Dennis Vader Meer, will examine the plants and count the number of new moths. They will make a report on their findings, then cage the moths again and repeat the experiment for another two years. It will be one of the first scientific studies of the effects of the moth on knapweed.



Sulphur knapweed moth

Student leaders get to work

ASUM: Senate leaders energized about changes for UM campus

Nate Schweber
Kaimin Reporter

ASUM President Barrett Kaiser and Vice President Patience Llewellyn are primed and ready to go with their plans for UM. And the list is a long one.

Promoting alternative transportation was one of the deciding factors in running for office, Kaiser said. ASUM is working on a bike check-out system with Free Cycles Missoula, setting aside funds for more bike racks outside the UC and the library, and working with Mountain Line to keep their buses running until 8 p.m. on school nights.

Plans for a new parking garage were dropped at the Board of Regents' meeting over the summer. However, ASUM is still pursuing ways to ease the parking crunch. One idea is to offer vastly discounted parking decals to drivers that car pool.

Llewellyn is also checking on a "safety van" that could be used to transport students around campus after dark.

Kaiser said he is gearing up to petition the Legislature to increase higher education funding. He is altering his class schedule so

that every Tuesday and Thursday he is free to go to Helena. He will testify to the Legislature on any issue that affects university students.

ASUM is promoting a "Dead Week" for the final five school days of each semester. This week would prohibit teachers from giving tests the week prior to finals.

ASUM hired an outside consulting group to decide what to do with the vandalized Schreiber Gym.

Kaiser is carrying the torch for campus recycling, and he vows that his job is not done "until there is a recycling bin in every corner of every building." He said he is extremely pleased by the new recycling bin outside the UC market, and is working to get another one.

Kaiser also wants to help curb the hype that credit card companies use to woo students into debt. Working with Consumer Credit Counseling Service, Kaiser wants to set up tables next to the credit-card sellers in the UC, to give students factual information about the responsibilities of having credit cards.

Llewellyn has been overseeing the architectural planning sessions for the UC

renovations. She said the UC movie theaters will offer free sneak previews of flicks to UM students. Construction is slated to begin next spring and should be completed by the fall of the year 2000.

ASUM is also gearing up for the upcoming mill levy, Kaiser said. The levy that comes around for voting once each decade provides

Montana colleges with \$12 million -- close to half of which goes to UM. If voted down, UM will lose this crucial part of its income for at least the next 10 years. Kaiser said ASUM will have a table in the UC and go to classrooms and dorms to get students registered to vote in favor of the levy.

Kaiser also wants to create a council with members from various organizations and backgrounds to represent the diversity on campus. Kaiser said this group, with whom he will hold weekly meetings, is crucial because he wants all student voices to be heard.

ASUM also wants to branch out and make students aware of their influence and impact on campus. Any student wanting to get involved with ASUM should contact the office at 243-ASUM.

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SPORTS

Low ranking in polls doesn't dissuade Lady Griz volleyball



Members of the Lady Griz volleyball team take a break from practice Monday.

John Locher/Kaimin

Matt Gouras
Kaimin Sports Reporter

After a disappointing 1997 campaign, the Montana volleyball team returns to action tonight with a small but healthy core of veterans and an athletic recruiting class.

Although his peers in the Big Sky Conference predict a repeat of Montana's 1997 last place finish, Head Coach Dick Scott has other plans.

"Our goal is to win the conference," said Scott. "It is every year. If this is a last place team, it is the best last place team I've ever seen."

The Lady Griz have slid steadily since their 1994 NCAA tournament appearance and finished 1997 in last place. The pre-season Big Sky coaches poll voted Montana ninth with 16 total points, one behind eighth place Idaho

State.

Scott cited a few factors that caused the three year slip from the once dominant Lady Griz. The turnover of assistant coaches compounded some recruiting difficulties Montana encountered, leaving the team short on both athleticism and height.

To make matters worse, three solid programs were added to the conference: CSU-Northridge, CSU-Sacramento and Portland State. Sacramento is particularly strong and has a history of successful recruiting.

But last year's 7-23 record may have been the bottom rung for Montana volleyball. Scott has re-tooled the team with seven new players, promoted Colleen Frohlich to lead assistant and hired new assistant Cindy Willey. Willey played for Scott from 1984-1987 and was one of the best

players in UM history.

As many as four of the seven new players could see action this fall. Freshman Joy Pierce of Ft. Collins, Colo. and Lindsay Kaiser of Stockton, Calif. have pressured the veterans early in the team's scrimmages. Freshman Suzanne Krings of Helena and Teresa Stringer of Phoenix, Ariz. are impressive athletes who add to this class' depth.

Freshman Andrea Thomas from Moscow, Idaho is likely to play because of her specific defensive skills. She might be needed right away since Montana lost some back row players. The other freshman that will play immediately have yet to be announced.

Scott said the addition of such athletic players puts pressure on the veterans to perform and may be one of his best recruiting classes ever.

Although Scott has a pretty

good idea who will redshirt, the final decision will be made before tonight's game after he has had an opportunity to talk to some other people.

"I really think we've turned it (the program) around," said Scott. "I'm looking forward to the season and am interested to see where we'll finish up. But, it won't be dead last."

The small group of veterans will rely upon the healthy return of anchors senior Paige Merritt, all-conference selection junior Sarah Parsons and sophomore Erin Adams. Each had off-season surgery and will be relied upon heavily to carry the leadership role this season.

"All of our veterans are definitely veterans," said Scott. "This should help offset the small size of the group."

The starting line-up is likely to be Merritt and sophomore Kodi Taylor in the middle, Adams and junior Katie

Almquist at outside hitter with Parsons. The setter position is still open. Junior Jamie Wolstein and sophomore Tara Conner are still competing for the position and will likely share game time.

Tonight's opponent, the Idaho Vandals, is a former Big Sky conference rival that has since moved to the Big West Conference. Montana leads the series 18-16, but the Vandals won when they last played in 1995. Although Idaho captured the Eastern division title of the Big West conference last, Scott felt it was a relatively weak conference.

Since the Adams Field House is under renovation, the Lady Griz will play their home games in Loyola High School's Ram Activity Center, which is located at 1040 S First Street. The RAC holds 2,450 people. Tonight's match begins at 7 p.m.

Trio's recovery the right medicine for UM volleyball team

Matt Gouras
Kaimin Sports Reporter

Three Montana volleyball team veterans return from surgery to a team that is relying upon their recovery.

Without a great deal of veteran depth, the Lady Griz will rely heavily on the successful recoveries of senior middle-hitter Paige Merritt, junior outside-hitter Sarah Parsons and sophomore outside-hitter Erin Adams.

Parsons had major shoulder surgery after an all-conference season in 1997, and while the athletic department lists her at 90 percent, she claims other-

"I feel great," says Parsons.

"My shoulder is 100 percent."

Both Merritt and Adams missed playing time last year due to injury. Merritt is playing impressively in the preseason, said head coach Dick Scott, and she is important to the team as its only senior.

Merritt had surgery on her ankle in February and has been playing well, Scott said. After starting as a true freshman in 1995, she lost significant game time due to injuries both her sophomore and junior seasons. This year is her last and she is looking forward to it.

"I'm excited about this team," said Merritt. "If we're more consistent with our game, the wins will follow."

Adams redshirted last season after major back surgery, after a freshman season that saw her lead the team in kills (3.0 per game), and finish second in digs (3.2).

"Erin has really done well," said Scott. "Anytime you have back surgery, it's major to me. She's recovered really well."

And while many will be doubting the Lady Griz can make much noise this year, Scott believes this talented trio could help Montana surprise the conference.

"The mentality of our veterans has made a difference (over last year)," said Scott. "They are really working together on being a team."



John Locher/Kaimin

Sarah Parsons (left), Erin Adams and Paige Merritt must come back from injuries to anchor a Lady Griz volleyball team that lacks depth

News

Fla. Legislature delays credit-hour penalty

Linda Man
Oracle Sports Reporter, U Of FL

(U-WIRE) TAMPA, Fla. -- University undergraduates in Florida can breathe a sigh of relief after temporarily dodging a punitive proviso that called for a 50 percent increase in student tuition for each credit exceeding a 138-credit limit.

Typically, a bachelor's degree requires 120 credits for completion.

But the penalty is not dead yet. Although the 1998-99 school year will pass without enactment of the penalty, it may return next year.

The legislation was approved in 1996 but was omitted from the general appropriations act for the school year of 1998-99 due to a senate oversight.

According to Debi Galley, director for policy analysis for the state university system, the proviso was not written into the appropriations act, and after its passage, the bill was unable to be amended.

However, Galley is uncertain about the future status and implementation of the proviso.

"It was a senate initiative, a senate appropriation, and not everyone agreed to it," she said. "The governor's office has appeared neutral on this issue."

It has always been the senate's issue."

In 1995, faced with statistics that indicated a burgeoning student population, the Florida Legislature began to look at means of easing the impending glut. The Legislature, working with the Board of Regents, passed the proviso in 1996.

"The idea was to push students through at a faster pace," Regent C.B. Daniel said. "In the next 10 years, the high school student rate (will be) escalating at such a

ing and fine arts, he said its inclusion is not meant to be punitive.

"It makes them more focused when they enter the school system," Daniel said.

"There is a cooperative partnership of K-12 and higher education. Not enough students come with enough focus. It was designed to help them decide what to do. Will it discourage some students? Yeah, and that's unfortunate."

Kevin Mayeux, executive director for the Florida Student Association, estimates that less than 10 percent of undergraduates will be affected by the proviso.

"Most students aren't career students," he said.

"Most graduate relatively close to 120 credits."

Mayeux offered a different reason for the legislation, noting that for every in-state student, the state pays 75 percent of the matriculation fee.

With the inclusion of the penalty of a fee for excess credits, that percentage dwindles to 64 percent.

"The FSA challenged the authority of the Board of Regents to put it in there," Mayeux said. "It (becomes) an economic incentive to graduate from the system."

Court favors students who oppose fee allocations

Theresa Crapanzano
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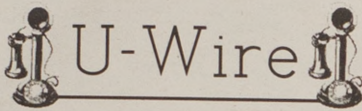
(U-WIRE) WASHINGTON, D.C. -- A federal appeals court in Chicago ruled in August in favor of five students at the University of Wisconsin-Madison who opposed the use of their mandatory student fee to pay for student activities they were ethically or politically against.

A lower court forced the university to stop using student fees to fund organizations such as gay and lesbian clubs and women's rights groups, but the appeals court overturned the decision of the lower court, stating that the university should design a new method to fund student activities.

Jesse Strauss, executive vice president of George Washington University's Student Association, said he sees no problem with student fees being distributed to student groups with different points of view as long as the allocation of funds is in student hands.

At GW, the SA Senate is responsible for the allocation of funds to student groups. Because all student senators are elected by their constituents, Strauss said students have a voice in deciding what groups receive funding.

"There's a student group out there for anyone and if one can't be found, the option to start another group and use student fees to fund that group always exists," College Republicans membership director Jennifer said.

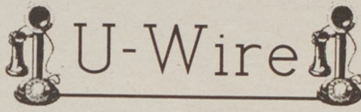


rapid pace, we were not going to have a place for them in the university system."

But student body president Jessica Pawelkop said the proviso interferes with students' autonomy over their college careers.

"I don't think it is fair to the students," she said. "We are the customers at the university. However we want to spend time at the university is our choice."

While Daniel concedes that the proviso might discourage students from experimenting in diverse areas such as bank-

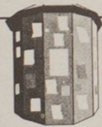


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Work-study students needed as academic assistants for Disability Services for Students. Flexible hours, \$5.15 per hour. Apply at 032 Corbin Hall.

FALL SOCCER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. The YMCA/Meadow Gold Fall Soccer Program is looking for volunteers to help coach Preschool- 8th grade youth. The 7 week program runs September 13-October 25. The kids practice 1-2 per week (day & time after 5:30 p.m. is up to vol. coach). Games are held on Sunday afternoons at the Fort Missoula Recreation Complex. Please complete a Youth Sports Volunteer Application for placement or call 721-9622 if you are interested in making a positive contribution to the children of the greater Missoula area.

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